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Maximizing Efficiency of Small  
Display in a Data Processing System**

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On the mailing date of the Office Action in question, December 18, 2001, I was employed full time by the Firm and have no record of receipt of said Office Action. On June 6, 2002, I was contacted by Examiner Anthony Blackman informing me that the application had become abandoned due to failure to respond to the December 18, 2001, Office Action. On October 8, 2002, Duke Yee, attorney for applicant, was contacted by Examiner Anthony Blackman informing Mr.

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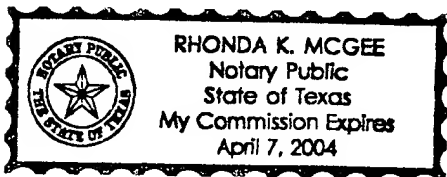
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